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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masakuni EZUMI, et al.

Application No.: 10/054,852

Filed: January 25, 2002

For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND HOLLOW SHAPE MEMBER FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: L. R. Edmondson

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.